

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of controlling printing by which a printer capable of double-sided printing prints two consecutive pages of print data on both sides of medium
5 and also enlarges and divides each of the pages of print data so that resultant data is printed over a plurality of media, comprising:
 - a first dividing step of dividing a first page of print data into a predetermined number of pieces of
10 print data;
 - a second dividing step of dividing a second page of print data into the predetermined number of pieces of print data;
 - a selecting step of selecting one from the
15 predetermined pieces of print data obtained by dividing the first page of print data in the first dividing step, and selecting one from the predetermined pieces of print data obtained by dividing the second page of print data in the second dividing step; and
 - 20 a printing step of printing the one piece of the first page of print data and the one piece of the second page of print data selected in the selecting step, on a front side and a back side, respectively, of a medium.

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2. The method of controlling printing according to claim 1, further comprising:

a designating step of designating a selection mode
for the second page of print data, wherein
the selecting step includes selecting the one
piece of the second page of print data corresponding to
5 the one piece of the first page of print data, in
accordance with the selection mode designated in the
designating step.

3. The method of controlling printing according to
10 claim 2, wherein the designating step includes
designating the selecting mode so that output orders
for the front and back sides are laterally reverse to
each other.

15 4. The method of controlling printing according to
claim 2, wherein the designating step includes
designating the selection mode so that output orders
for the front and back sides are laterally the same.

20 5. The method of controlling printing according to
claim 1, wherein
the first dividing step includes dividing the
first page of print data into the number of pieces of
print data equivalent to the number of the plurality of
25 media, and
the second dividing step includes dividing the
second page of print data into the number of pieces of

print data equivalent to the number of the plurality of media.

6. A printing control apparatus for generating print
5 data such that two consecutive pages of the print data
are printed on both sides of medium by a printer
capable of double-sided printing and also that each of
the pages of print data is enlarged and divided so that
resultant data is printed over a plurality of media,
10 the apparatus comprising:

first dividing means for dividing a first page of
print data into a predetermined number of pieces of
print data;

second dividing means for dividing a second page
15 of print data into the predetermined number of pieces
of print data;

selecting means for selecting one from the
predetermined number of pieces of print data obtained
by dividing the first page of print data by the first
20 dividing means, and selecting one from the
predetermined pieces of print data obtained by dividing
the second page of print data by the second dividing
means; and

output means for outputting in turn to the printer,
25 the one piece of the first page of print data and the
one piece of the second page of print data selected by
the selecting means.

7. The printing control apparatus according to claim
6, further comprising:

setting means for setting whether the
5 predetermined number of pieces of print data divided by
the second dividing means are printed under double-
sided printing.

8. The printing control apparatus according to claim
10 7, further comprising:

second setting means for setting whether an output
order of the second page of print data is set to the
same as that of the first page of print data when the
print data is printed under double-sided printing.

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9. The printing control apparatus according to claim
8, wherein

when the output order of the second page of print
data is set to the same as that of the first page of
20 print data by the second setting means, the selecting
means selects the second page of print data in the same
order as that of selecting the first page of print data,
and

when the output order of the second page of print
25 data is set in laterally reverse to that of the first
page of print data, the selecting means selects the

second page of print data in laterally reverse to an order of selecting the first page of print data.

10. A computer program for causing a computer to
5 generate print data such that two consecutive pages of the print data are printed on both sides of medium by a printer capable of double-sided printing and also that each of the pages of print data is enlarged and divided so that resultant data is printed over a plurality of
10 media, the computer program causing a computer to execute:

a first dividing procedure of dividing a first page of print data into a predetermined number of pieces of print data;

15 a second dividing procedure of dividing a second page of print data into the predetermined number of pieces of print data;

a selecting procedure of selecting one from the predetermined pieces of print data obtained by dividing
20 the first page of print data in the first dividing procedures, and selecting one from the predetermined pieces of print data obtained by dividing the second page of print data in the second dividing procedure;
and

25 an outputting procedure of outputting the print data to the printer so that the one piece of the first page of print data and the one piece of the second page

of print data selected in the selecting procedure are printed on a front side and a back side, respectively, of a medium.

- 5 11. A computer-readable recording medium having stored therein the computer program according to claim 10.